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SUBJ: REPLIES TO FEBRUARY 6 NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL ON
MOROCCAN ARMS REQUEST

REF: RABAT 1093

1. REFTEL REPORTED REPLY BY INFORMATION MINISTER
KHATTABI TO SUBJECT EDITORIAL. I LEARNED YESTERDAY
FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF HILL AND KNOWLTON, A PUBLIC
RELATIONS FIRM UNDER A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT TO THE GOM,
THAT HE AND HIS PRESIDENT MET IN WASHINGTON WITH
MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR ALI BENGELLOUN THE DAY AFTER THE
EDITORIAL APPEARED. BENGELLOUN SUBSEQUENTLY SENT A
REPLY TO THE NEW YORK TIMES, WELL BEFORE KHATTABI'S
REPLY. IF NEW YORK TIMES CARRIED BENGELLOUN'S LETTER,
WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING IT. DEPARTMENT MIGHT ALSO
WANT TO GIVE BENGELLOUN COPY OF KHATTABI'S REPLY
WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN LOCAL PRESS. THE WAY HE
AND INFORMATION MINISTRY OPERATE, IT IS SAFE TO
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ASSUME THERE WAS A TOTAL LACK OF COORDINATION
WHICH CAN ONLY DETRACT FROM THE GOM'S EDUCATIONAL
EFFORTS WITH THE U.S. PRESS.
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